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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Ex Parte Communication in MB Docket. No. 02-277 (In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Overview - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, March 4, 2003, Peter C Pappas, Executive Vice President for Government and Regulatory Affairs of Pappas Telecasting Companies ("Pappas"), met with Catherine Bohigian, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kevin Martin, to discuss issues relating to the pending Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules.

The discussion focused on Pappas's view that retention of the 35% national ownership cap serves the interests of localism and diversity, and should be retained.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Pappas

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